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FOR A/SY AND A/OC FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OF SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL AND LOU CABLES

1. VIOLATION: WHILE CONDUCTING A ROUTINE INSPECTION OF USLO II ON 6/23/78 THE RSO FOUND THE ABOVE MENTIONED MATERIAL ON THE TOP OF THE NURSES DESK IN TWO FOLDERS MARKED UNCLASSIFIED. THE NURSES OFFICE IS AN UNLOCKED OFFICE LOCATED IN AN UNSECURED BUILDING. CHINESE WORKERS ARE IN AND OUT OF THE BUILDING ALL DAY, UNESCORTED, MAKING REPAIRS AND/OR CLEANING OFFICES. MATERIAL WAS LEFT UNCONTROLLED BETWEEN THIRTY AND FIFTY FIVE HOURS.

2. POSSIBLE COMPROMISED MATERIAL:

SECRET LIMDIS TELEGRAM STATE 145790, JUNE 8, 1978; CONFIDENTIAL LIMDIS TELEGRAM, STATE 151634, JUNE 14, 1978; CONFIDENTIA LIMDIS TELEGRAM, STATE 146133, JUNE 8, 1978; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TELEGRAM, STATE 145611, JUNE 8, 1978.

3. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THE ABOVE MATERIAL WAS RECEIVED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION ON JUNE 9 AND 11 RESPECTIVELY. THE ADMIN SECRETARY THEN PLACED THE ROUTING SYMBOLS ON THE MATERIAL FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRET

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OFFICER, THE B&F OFFICER AND THE NURSE. THE MATERIAL WAS THEN PLACED IN A FILE DIVIDER ON A TABLE NEXT TO HER DESK WHICH HAS FOLDERS FOR ALL THE PERSONNEL THAT WORK IN THAT BUILDING. THE FOLDERS CONTAIN BOTH CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED MATERIAL. THE FOLDERS ARE NOT MARKED TO SHOW THAT CLASSIFIED MATERIAL MAY BE IN THEM. EACH OFFICER IN THEBUILDING IS AWARE THAT

HIS FOLDER MAY CONTAIN CLASSIFIED MATERIAL AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROTECT IT. THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION WAS REVIEWED BY THE ADMIN OFFICER AND THE B&F OFFICER AND PLACED IN THE FILE DIVIDER FOR THE NURSE. THE NURSE STATED THAT SHE TOOK THE FOLDERS TO HER OFFICE ON 6/21/78 OR 6/22/78. THE NURSE ALSO STATED THAT SHE DID NOT CHECK THE FOLDERS BEFORE PLACING THEM ON HER DESK.

4. ACTING CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION STATES HE CAN SEE LITTLE OR NO COMPROMISE DAMAGE ON MATERIAL PERTAINING TO PEKING.

5. DUE TO FACT THAT THE MATERIAL WAS LEFT UNCONTROLLED FOR THE ABOVE PERIOD OF TIME AN IN THE ABOVE BUILDING, THE POSSIBILITY COMPROMISE EXISTS.

NARRATIVE REPORT AND VIOLATION WILL FOLLOW BY POUCH. WOODCOCK

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